GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

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EXEMPTION OF CUSTOMS DUTY
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have arranged for exemptions of customs duty for sports equipment and exemption of Income Tax for contributions/ donations made to Sports Authority of Andhra Pradesh to create and complete the sports infrastructure work for the National Games, 2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the action taken to arrange for exemptions to encourage sports?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE. N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a), (b) & (c): Exemption from customs duty leviable on sports goods and equipment imported for the purpose of national or international championships has been extended to include the import of such goods directly by the Sports Authorities of the States concerned or on certificates issued by such Authorities, as the case may be. The Sports Authority of Andhra Pradesh can avail of this benefit for the purpose of the National Games 2002. No decision has, however, yet been taken on the matter regarding exemption of donations/contributions to State Sports Authorities from payment of income tax, on which views of the Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs and Ministry of Law have been sought.